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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CEQ CHAIRMAN PETERSON

REF: KINSHASA A-91

1. COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CHAIRMAN, RUSSELL W. PETERSON, AND HIS SCIENTIFIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADVISOR, DR. LEE M. TALBOT, PLAN TO ATTEND IUCN MEETINGS IN KINSHASA. ITINERARY FOR EACH AS FOLLOWS:

CHARIMAN PETERSON: ETA KINSHASA VIA IBERIA FLT. 965, 1710 HRS. SEPT 16

DR. TALBOT: ETA KINSHASA VIA UT 335, 1900 HRS., SEPT 6.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE ROOMS AT N'SELE FOR BOTH AND MEET. IUCN APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN MAILED DIRECTLY TO AMIZA, P.O. BOX 7597, KINSHASA. PLEASE INFORM AMIZA TO EXPECT APPLICATIONS.

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2. DRS. PETERSON AND TALBOT PLAN TO TAKE TOUR NO. 4 WHICH

DEPARTS KINSHASA FOR GOMA BY SPECIAL PLANE SATURDAY SEPT 20.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM WITH AMIZA RESERVATIONS FOR TOUR AND REPORT BACK FLIGHT ETD AND OTHER DETAILS. TOUR APPLICATION FORMS WILL ALSO BE FORWARDED THROUGH EMBASSY.

3. PETERSON AND TALBOT PLAN DEPART GOMA 0930 HRS., SEPT 24 VIA ZAIRE AIRWAYS FLT 441 ENROUTE TO NAIROBI VIA BUJUMBURA.

ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE ARRANGE FLIGHT GOMA/NAIROBI TUESDAY, SEPT 23 VIA AIR ATTACHE PLANE? OR WOULD EMBASSY HAVE OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPEDITED ARRIVAL NAIROBI FROM GOMA? SCHEDULING SUGGESTED SEEMS BEST FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO NAIROBI, BUT RESULTS IN FULL DAY DELAY TUESDAY, SEPT 23 WHICH CEQ WISHES TO AVOID.
PLEASE ADVISE ONE WAY KINSHASA TO GOMA TOURIST AIRFARE.

4. IMPORTANT INTERESTS OF DR. PETERSON DURING HIS VISIT WILL BE POPULATION MATTERS, INCLUDING U.S. AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND ATTITUDE OF LDC'S TOWARD ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ESPECIALLY IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IN UN FORUMS.

ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME AVAILABLE, WITHOUT PREJUDICING DR. PETERSON'S PARTICIPATION IN SUBSTANTIVE IUCN MEETINGS, E.G. FRIDAY, SEPT 19, EMBASSY BRIEFINGS ON THESE SUBJECTS AND POSSIBLE LOCAL CONTACTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ASSUME DR. PETERSON WILL BE ABLE TO MEET SOME OF ZAIRE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION AT THE CONFERENCE.

FYI: FORMAL INTRAGOVERNMENTAL CLEARANCES HAVE NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED. POST WILL BE INFORMED IN UNLIKELY EVENT A PROBLEM ARISES. KISSINGER

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